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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENTAL ELEMENTS

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SUBJECT:

Certification and Accreditation Guidance for Information Systems

In the continued effort to improve the cyber security posture of the Department and reduce vulnerabilities across the enterprise, the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) is issuing the attached *Certification and Accreditation Guide for Information Systems* as supplemental guidance to current Departmental Directives and policy memoranda.

While the attached guide has not completed the Directives process, as it is not a policy, it may provide value to organizations working through the requirements of Certification and Accreditation (C&A). The OCIO is providing the guide to support Departmental Elements in meeting requirements for C&A of Department of Energy (DOE) information systems.

This is a *how to guide* that applies to unclassified and national security systems. Specifically, the guidance—

- Provides Departmental Elements with a standardized, adaptable, and repeatable C&A process that complies with DOE policies and relevant federal statutes, regulations, and guidelines.
- Supports a risk management process that allows senior DOE officials to make information system management decisions based on the risk and magnitude of harm that could result from the loss or compromise of DOE information.

The guide, along with a copy of this memorandum, is being disseminated via email to your primary Cyber Security points of contact. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Bruce Brody, Associate Chief Information Officer for Cyber Security at (202) 586-1090 or Mr. Adrian Gardner, Director, Policy and Planning Division, for Cyber Security at (202) 586-6596.

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